

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SENATE  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

THE COMMITTEE ON Commerce

to which was referred **HB 457**

AN ACT relative to the occupancy of housing units.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 6-0

AMENDMENT # 2025-2152s

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For the Committee

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